

Application Serial No. 10/613,322
Amendment Dated December 17, 2004
Reply to Office Action of November 17, 2004

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REMARKS

The application was filed with 72 claims. Claims 1-36, 55, and 69-72 were canceled from the application in the applicants' prior Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement, leaving claims 37-54 and 56-68 pending for examination in the most recent Office Action. Claims 37-50, 56-60, and 63-68 are cancelled, claims 51-53, and 61 are amended, and new claims 73-90 are added in this paper. Claims 51-53, 61 and 62, and 73-90 are thus now pending in the application for examination. Reexamination and reconsideration of these claims is therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner's attention is drawn to co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/938038, which was filed on September 10, 2004 and which claims subject matter identical to that claimed in this application. New claims 73-90, which are added in this amendment, are identical in scope to claims 1-18 of the '038 application. The '038 application has the same inventors and is owned by the same assignee as those of this application.

Of the claims currently pending in this application, claim 51 was indicated by the Examiner to include allowable subject matter. That claim has now been rewritten in independent form as the Examiner suggested, and the prompt allowance of claim 51 is thus respectfully requested.

Claims 52 and 53 are amended herein to depend from claim 51, and those claims should now be allowable as well.

Claims 61 and 62 were also indicated to include allowable subject matter, and claim 61 has now been rewritten in independent form with claim 62 depending from it. The allowance of these two claims is also therefore requested.

New claims 73-90 are added in this amendment. Of these new claims, claim 73 is the sole independent claim, with each of claims 74-90 depending in some way from it. Claim 73 is directed to "a self-contained, temperature-change container

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assembly" with first and second internal volumes and "a steam condenser inside at least one of the first and second internal volumes." Applicants submit that the prior art does not teach or suggest the use or presence of such a steam condenser in the assembly as it is defined in claim 73, and the new claims 73-90 should thus be allowed.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 51-53, 61 and 62, and 73-90, and the application as a whole are now in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (323) 878-0229 to discuss any steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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